

## GIRL STRUGGLES TO TELL OF ROMANCE THAT ENDED IN LIVING TOMB IN FATHER'S HOUSE



Grace Marshall, the Maryland girl held prisoner 12 years in her father's house, is shown to the right as she appeared soon after her rescue. At the left top, is her father, Frank Marshall, now in jail awaiting trial on charges made by agents of Children's society, who rescued his daughter.

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Easton, Md., Nov. 29.—Suddenly, from a hidden tomb in her father's own house, Grace Marshall, 28, long believed by the folks in this little Maryland hamlet to be dead and buried in the old churchyard, has emerged after being held prisoner by her family for twelve years.

But Grace Marshall cannot bespeak her gratitude nor tell of her suffering—for in the darkened silent prison her father and stepmother made for her, she forgot the power of speech.

She cannot tell why her family saw fit to shut her off from the rest of the world—but neighbors believe it was because 12 years ago her father feared the girl was about to elope with an aged admirer.

Some day she may tell. Perhaps she will be strong enough to take the stand when her father, Frank Marshall, is tried on the preferred charge of assault with intent to kill. And perhaps she will then be able to accuse her stepmother, who also faces a charge of assault.

So far the ghastly details have had to come from others. Among these stands out Miss Emma L. Davies, the courageous agent of the Children's Aid society, who rescued her from the room that might have been her tomb.

I might not have believed the awful story that is on the lips of everyone in Talbot county, even after Miss Davies told it to me, had I not seen the girl myself and tried to talk with her.